



# Fellowship Program

“ My Human Rights Center fellowship gave me the opportunity to learn first-hand about the experiences of immigrants imprisoned in private jails in the southwestern United States, and how to apply my legal training to help end this terrible practice. ”

Natalie Schultheis, 2016 HRC Fellow,  
Berkeley Law student



**ABOVE:** 2016 HRC Fellow Samuel Contreras, a UC Santa Cruz student, in Social Documentation shoots his documentary on clean water in California's San Joaquin Valley (photo by Samuel Contreras).

**ABOVE RIGHT:** (Left to right) 2016 HRC Fellow Woojin Jung works with a women's agricultural group in India (photo by Woojin Jung); 2016 HRC Fellow Brittany Meché, a Ph.D. student in geography at UC Berkeley, worked at the intersection of drugs, law enforcement, terrorism, and climate change.

Since 1994, the Human Rights Center has provided **more than 300 fellowships** to graduate and undergraduate students to work with human rights organizations around the world. In 2016, 20 fellows from UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC San Diego, and UC Santa Cruz carried out projects in ten countries. For example, Berkeley Journalism School graduate Laura Klivans investigated the impact of charging children as adults in California and produced a radio series for KQED based on her research. Zahra Khalid, a UC Berkeley master's student at the College of Environmental Design, worked with the All Pakistan Alliance for Katchi Abadis in Pakistan to support settlement dwellers **resisting arbitrary evictions and homelessness**. Suzanne Cafilisch, a UC Berkeley graduate, worked with Promundo in Brazil to study the **sexual exploitation of girls**.

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